

Hope you will be here as soon as possible. Your nomination was determined on before the last telegraphic dispatch giving assurance of your willingness to accept. I having taken the liberty of expressing the opinion that you would yield to the wishes of your friends.

Let me know when you will be here. Should be gratified by a frank and confidential interview immediately on y'r arrival.

Your sincere and confidential friend

From Millard Fillmore.

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July 22nd, 1850.

I have the honor to inform you that you were on Saturday, "by and with the advice of the Senate," appointed Secretary of the Navy. Time did not enable me to obtain your consent before this was done, but I trust that you will accept the office, and enter upon the discharge of its duties at your earliest convenience. I am sure that the appointment will be highly acceptable to the country as I can assure you your acceptance will be gratifying to me.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt.

From James W. Osborne.

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Charlotte,

July 22nd., 1850.

The intelligence has just reached us that you have been called to the Cabinet of President Fillmore to fill the office of Secretary of War. In common with your many friends, indeed with the feeling of North Carolina, allow me to offer you my warmest congratulations on this distinguished honor. I have, however, felt some fears lest you might feel it a disposition to decline the appointment, from considerations by which you were governed in regard to the Mission to Spain. Tho' I feel that there are other duties more important than the claims of official station, and that the path of public usefulness does not always lie in the way of political distinction. I do believe that you cannot decline the appointment tendered you by the President without mortification to your friends, and disappointment to the State. A connection